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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. George A. Carver, Jr.  
Special Assistant for Vietnamese Affairs

SUBJECT : Leak Identification

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, dated 11 January 1972;  
same Subject

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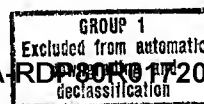
1. Your interest in the problem of tracing unauthorized disclosures and leaks of Agency material is appreciated. Tracking down such leaks is indeed an almost impossible chore but if we can count on a spirit of cooperation among all employees similar to that demonstrated by your suggestion, perhaps we will be in a position to stem the flow.

2. Your suggestion about numbering each authorized Agency copy of any document, be it at the TOP SECRET, CODEWORD or CONFIDENTIAL level, is one that is again being given active consideration within the Agency. Copies of the Agency's more esoteric publications as the PDB and the CODEWORD version of the CIB are individually numbered and a system similar to your proposal is used for distribution control.

3. Unfortunately, to date we have not been able to win favorable consideration for the introduction of a like system to control dissemination of documents at the lower end of the sensitivity spectrum.


4. The reasons given are related to cost factors. Dollar figures are in terms of \$150,000 to \$200,000. Additional personnel

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and hard to come by space would also be required. These arguments against security innovations for document control continue to be raised. Perhaps this last example of loss of our documents to Anderson will weigh the discussion more toward our viewpoint. We certainly hope so.

5. Again, I express my appreciation for your suggestion and your overall consideration of this problem.



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